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11. (SBU) Post delivered reftel talking points to Igor Maydanov, Director of the Office of International Cooperation at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology. On December 11, in a written response from the same office, Acting Director Anatoliy Totskiy wrote that Russia is conducting an interagency review of the proposed amendments to protocols of the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) and has not yet agreed on an official position.

12. (SBU) Totskiy noted that the Government of Russia must consider the possible financial and economic ramifications of its vote, as various Russian entities with differing levels of financial resources would be responsible for Russia's implementation of the protocols. He warned that "any attempt to make the requirements broader or stricter will create additional difficulties in ratification."

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